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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request from Vice President's Office

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1. Jon Howe, Vice President Rockefeller's assistant for National Security Affairs, called this morning to ask whether portions of OSR's intelligence report entitled "A Dollar Cost Comparison of Soviet and US Defense Activities, 1965-1975" could be declassified. Although Howe did not say so, he presumably wanted to use excerpts from the report in a Vice Presidential speech.

2. I told Howe that an unclassified version of the report had also been published, but in response to his request I agreed to find out whether the Key Findings of the classified version were usable on an unclassified basis. [redacted] of OSR Programs Analysis Division, which published the report, subsequently advised me that the Key Findings could be regarded as unclassified even though they included absolute numbers that were not in the unclassified version. I so informed Howe.

3. Howe had also asked whether the classified report's Annex A on Production Data could be sanitized. I conveyed to him [redacted] reply that, because of the sensitivity of the sources for the information cited in the annex, to sanitize it would leave it so emasculated it would be meaningless. When he mentioned specifically the comparative statement on page 46 about Soviet and US missile production, I reminded Howe of the cautionary note on the previous page against drawing any net assessment of US and Soviet programs from the data.

4. At Howe's request an additional copy of both the classified report published in July and the unclassified version published in February are being sent to him.

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The Vice President